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Free lead tests are offered near toxic site

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Residents of some northeast Wilmington neighborhoods will be offered free screening for lead and other toxic substances for free next month.

The cleanup of the former DuPont plant at Sulphur Lane in Philadelphia began in 1996. It's expected to be completed by the end of the year.

On July 15, Mayor

William H. Johnson, Jr., and Director

of Environmental

Protection

John Wimberley, met with environmental officials, city council

members and neighborhood

residents to discuss

high levels of the toxic metal.

"We didn't have any evidence that it's integrated or safe," said Garcia. "I think that's what's causing the concern."

Garcia said the EPA places to look more than 200 homes from the bottom of a 30-foot-deep water-filled quarry adjacent to the Diamond Salvage yard as part of a separate cleanup. Federal

officials found the drums suspected

of being used to store

"possibly toxic materials that were taken the pointers that it was likely that two adults who walked there had been adversely affected," Sillie said. "We urged them not to make that assumption, but to speak to the people out there."

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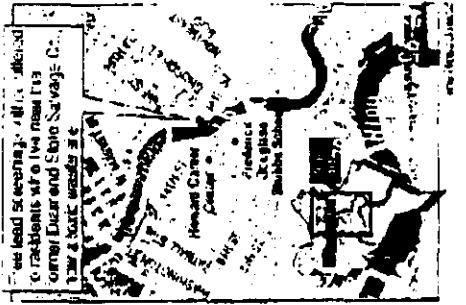
between First, Church, 14th and 15th streets.

Work at the Diamond Site and nearby federally funded community development around the site of the former DuPont plant, remainder of the State Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's Superfund program.

Local environmental officials are concerned about the potential exposure to lead in particular because of the urban sprawl of the diamond City and state officials have been aware of the potential health problem since 1986.

An estimated 20 more open containers also lie in the water be-

referred to be a former stone quarry.



The lead scenario will be decided on Saturday who live near the Diamond Site and the Savoys Co., law office, Monday at 1 p.m.

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